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SUBJ: LOCATING WW II MILITARY EQUIPMENT

1. DURING A RECENT VISIT TO NEW IRELAND PROVINCE, I WAS ASKED BY THE PEOPLE OF EMIRA ISLAND FOR THE LOCATION ON THAT ISLAND OF MATERIEL BURIED BY THE U.S. ARMED FORCES DURING OR IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR. I UNDERSTAND THAT CACHES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT, JEEPS, ETC. HAVE BEEN FOUND ON OTHER ISLANDS OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA. THE VILLAGE PEOPLE PROBABLY KNOW OF FINDINGS ON OTHER ISLANDS AND HOPE THAT THERE IS A CACHE ON EMIRA. A PAVED LANDING STRIP AND PAVED ROADS ON EMIRA DATE BACK TO WORLD WAR II, AND I WAS TOLD THAT AIR FORCE AND NAVY HAD LARGE AMOUNTS OF EQUIPMENT THERE. THE PEOPLE OF EMIRA ARE VERY POOR AND WANT TO FIND WHATEVER THEY CAN FOR SPARE PARTS, WATER TANKS, ETC. FOR EVERY DAY USE.

2. EMIRA ISLAND IS PART OF THE ST. MATHIAS GROUP. AS BEST WE CAN DETERMINE, LATITUDE IS ABOUT 149.9 DEGREES EAST AND LONGITUDE ABOUT 1.5 DEGREES SOUTH.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER INFORMATION DOD CAN PROVIDE ABOUT ANY CACHE LEFT BEHIND BY THE U.S. MILITARY WHEN THE SECOND WORLD WAR ENDED.

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